

GOOD TIDINGS OF JOY WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL

When Will Come the Long-Promised Peace?

And When the Good Will to Men?—Nations Still Making Unprecedented Preparations For War.



CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 25th.—Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle preached here today in the afternoon on "The Great Hereafter" and in the forenoon from the text above quoted. On both occasions his audiences are spellbound for a much longer time than the majority have been in the habit of listening to a discourse. Deep eagerness was also manifested to receive from the ushers at the close free copies of Pastor Russell's Booklet on "What Say the Scriptures About Hell." The speaker said:—

Eighteen centuries and more have passed since Israel's greatest Prophet, Jesus, sent forth his message of reconciliation to God. At the time of his birth angel visitors, announcing him, declared that his birth signified "good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people" and that this would mean "peace on earth and good will amongst men" (Luke II, 10, 11). Yet after eighteen centuries these prophecies are still unfulfilled. We find the world in more warlike condition at present than ever before. Europe has a standing army of over a million of the picked men of its several nations. And even our own country has deemed it necessary to considerably increase its standing army. On every sea are great battlefleets requiring thousands of men and millions of dollars for their upkeep, not to mention the millions of dollars which they originally cost.

And still more war vessels are planned with greater guns, some of which expend thousands of dollars for powder and shells for even one day's target practice. It is safe to say, too, that the chief interest in and chief backing of recent experiments in aerial navigation come from the War Departments of Christendom, which see in such devices a new method of warfare. And the latest information is that a new torpedo has recently been invented more powerful, more destructive, more terrible, than any previous device.

What means this great battle array, this preparation for a great struggle between the nations? Why do not the nations disband their armies and dismantle their navies and turn these vast energies to human profit, to making the earth to blossom as the rose? The answer is—Sin. Sin marred the original God-likeness of love in the human heart and, instead, implanted the opposite disposition of selfishness. By heredity sin and selfishness have been passed on to us. As we read, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm II, 5). This is true of the entire human family. We gloss the surface. We make a show of giving a little money for the education of the heathen. We make a little show of religious activity in Christendom, but the great surplus of wealth is spent in self-gratification—alcoholic beverages alone consuming manyfold the amount doled out to benevolent enterprises of all kinds.

Peace, Peace! but No Peace. For centuries the world has been crying out, "Peace, Peace; yet there is no peace." But still greater preparation for war. Why? Because, despite our gloss of civilization, the world well knows its own selfishness, its own greed, its own thirst for power and it wisely reasons that in others selfishness and greed similarly rule. Hence, with all their protestations of friendship all the governments of the world distrust, dislike one another. And now we have reached a place where the disbanding of the armies of the world would be a dangerous matter. Another million of men thrown on the labor market, already glutted, would be dangerous. And to leave our cities unprotected would invite anarchy in every land. We are not endeavoring to discourage peace conferences and federations. We are merely calling attention to facts—inevitable facts.

The Scriptures graphically describe our present condition. They give us a word-painting of what is now going on, saying, "Rent your plowshares into swords and your pruning-hooks into spears. Let the weak boast that they are strong; and endeavor to keep pace with the strong. 'Come, get ye down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat'—the valley of death—the place of the great strife with which the reign of the Prince of Darkness shall terminate and which will prepare the way for Messiah's Kingdom (Isaiah II, 1-3).

Thank God for the assurances of his Word that the great "time of trouble," such as never was since there was a nation," which is about to burst upon the world, whose masses are better educated than ever before and trained to the use of all military equipments, will be but a short struggle! The indication of the Scriptures is that if those days should not be short and, no flesh would survive. But for the elect—those who are obedient to the voice of God's elect being established—those days shall be shortened. Then will come the reign of the Prince of Peace

and, as the prophets declare, he shall be like unto Solomon who had no wars, but to whom every knee bowed and every tongue confessed. His Kingdom of righteousness will be a Kingdom of peace, notwithstanding the fact that it will be ushered in by such a time of trouble.

"I Came Not to Send Peace."

But do the Scriptures contradict themselves? What did the Great Teacher mean when he declared, "I came not to send peace on the earth, but a sword?" (Matthew X, 34.) Ah! he referred prophetically to the effect which his gracious message of love and favor would produce in the world during the reign of sin. He well knew that the Prince of Darkness would oppose all of his followers, as well as himself. He foretold that whoever would have godly would suffer persecution—and so it has been. Eighteen centuries have proven it. He sent forth his followers, like himself, unarmed, to be peacemakers, to be helpers, to "follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." He counseled his followers, "He that taketh the sword shall perish by the sword." But their message of peace and love and the coming Kingdom which shall bless the whole world and fulfill the angelic prophecy of our text—these things seem to anger the world—not merely the vicious, the ungodly, but the worldly professors of godliness who have schemes and plans and theories of their own to work out which are contrary to the Gospel Message. The darkness, more or less mixed with selfishness, hate the light, the Truth, the love of God, neither cometh to the light, lest its deeds of darkness, selfishness, selfish ambition and hypocrisy should be made manifest.

The Master knew what the effects of his Gospel Message would be in the world and that only those who would compromise his Message could possibly live at peace—that all who would be loyal and faithful to him would be persecuted, slandered, persecuted, "behind" either literally or figuratively. His words, therefore, were a prophecy respecting the tribulations which all his faithful followers would surely have. But more than this, his words were a prophecy respecting the nations. What is it that has brought us to our present degree of civilized savagery? What is it that makes of every business corporation a buccannier seeking the destruction of every competing financial craft? What is it that has thus sharpened the wits of humanity to such an extent that the majority find it difficult to be honest, because they see so many opportunities for dishonesty, while it is impossible for law-makers to make new laws with sufficient rapidity to keep pace with the intelligent methods of circumvention.

The laws, doctrines, of Christ are, in a certain sense, responsible for all this. The liberty wherewith Christ makes free his followers and the light which he and they let shine upon a darkened world, received in part into unsoftened hearts and minds, have given wisdom that, misapplied, have given cunning and craft. The proof of what we say is found in the fact that other nations than those which have received this rejected light of Christianity are still quite in the background. Only now, as Christian civilization in a perverted form is reaching these peoples are they awakening and becoming competitors with so-called Christendom.

In our advanced conceptions of finance, warfare, etc., a pertinent question worthy of deep thought, is, Will it be possible to live in the world at all after the greatest financial minds shall have "trust-fled" all of the world's business, and after the labor organizations shall have had their say as to who shall and who shall not earn a living, and after the teeming millions of China and Japan shall have become thoroughly civilized and Christianized after the nominal sort? Would not the hordes of the Far East overwhelm the comparatively little handful of Europe and America? What is the prospect of the fulfillment of the prophecy of our text—"Peace on earth, good will toward men"? There is no prospect from the earthly sources toward which we have been looking. If that prophecy is ever to be fulfilled it must be by some Divine intervention in human affairs.

The Desire of All Nations Coming. Notwithstanding the eighteen centuries of delay our text as a prophecy will surely be fulfilled, and be fulfilled, too, by and through the One whom the angels announced and whose birth is very generally celebrated today. The Great Teacher, questioned by Pilate, answered that he was born to be a King—the King of the Jews; but he also added, "My Kingdom is not of this Age." How true! Many of us have gotten the wrong impression—that our Redeemer has been waging, as the Great King of Glory, an unsuccessful warfare for eighteen centuries against Satan, sin and death. But here we learn from the Great Teacher's own lips that his Kingdom is not of this Age. It belongs to the "world to come"—the Age to come.

Do we inquire, then, who has been the ruler of this world, this Age? The answer of the Master is that Satan is the Prince of this world. He is a usurper. The dominion of earth was given to man. But Satan, deceiving our race, putting darkness for light, has become thereby the real ruler, using humanity merely as his tools. He is styled "the god of this world," and the "Prince of this world," or age. And we are told again that "He now worketh in the hearts of the children of disobedience." When we reflect how many of humanity are disobedient, we see the vastness of the empire controlled by the Prince of Darkness. And when we see the few, comparatively, who are soldiers of the cross and followers of the Lamb we perceive that, as the Master

said, his following during this age is to be a "little flock."

Perplexed and confused many may ask, What, then, is the hope of the fulfillment of our text, "Peace on earth, good will toward men"? We answer, that our Master, who declared that he was not the Prince of this age, declared also that his Kingdom of the next age will be introduced with power and great glory and that, although its initial manifestation will be with clouds and darkness and a time of trouble such as never before has been, nevertheless his reign will be glorious, triumphant and eternal. "He shall take unto himself his great power and reign" until "he shall have put all enemies under his feet;" "the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." "Unto him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess."

The victory of Emanuel means the overthrow of sin—the crushing of the serpent's head. At the very beginning of his glorious reign Satan shall be bound and following its close he shall be destroyed in the Second Death, together with all those who love unrighteousness, after they shall have had full knowledge and full opportunity for recovery from the snares of sin and death. Then, indeed, the whole world will proclaim the glory of God. There will no longer be discordant sounds. As the Scriptures declare, There shall be no more crying, no more sighing, no more dying—all the former things of sin and death shall have passed away (Rev. XXI, 4).

The Great Restorer of All.

The great King who, eighteen centuries ago, died, the Just for the unjust, that he might, judicially, bring mankind back into harmony with God, is to be the Great King of earth, the great Restorer of all that was lost in Adam, and he will make all things new" (Revelation XXI, 5).

Everything appertaining to this great Plan of Salvation outlined in the Word of God is reasonable. The crucial testing of the elect Church is necessary in order that, as faithful and merciful priests of God and of Christ, associated with him in his kingly glory, they may be God's instrumentalities in succeeding mankind from the fallen condition which have resulted from six thousand years of sin, and from the malignant influence of the Prince of darkness, during the thousand years which the Bible stipulates as the period of Messiah's reign (Revelation XX, 6)—a period neither too long nor too short in which to accomplish the great work of the world's salvation.

True, some one might say, If it has required eighteen centuries for the development of the Church, how much more time will be necessary for the uplifting of the world? But we answer that it is not the Divine Purpose to uplift the world to the station of spirit nature and glory, but rather to restoration blessings and conditions. It is because of the high exaltation offered to the Church that such crucial testings of sacrificial obedience even unto death is required. With the Prince of darkness bound and the Sun of Righteousness arising with healing in its beams the darkness of sin and crime and sorrow will soon flee away.

One century of such blessed influence upon the world will surely work wonders, bringing in also inventions and comforts and blessings, as yet undreamed of. Next will come the gradual awakening of all who have fallen asleep in death. They will come forth from the prison-house of death, as the Scriptures declare; will come forth that they may be made acquainted with the true God and with his glorious Son, the Redeemer, and with the principles of righteousness in contrast with the principles of sin.

We cannot suppose that it will require the majority of men, under those conditions, to sit long counting the value of the blessings of eternal life and restitution proffered them. The upward move, resurrection, uplifting, regeneration, will go rapidly on, while meantime, generation after generation shall come forth from the tomb and enjoy similar experiences. Finally all shall have come forth, because the love of God made this provision through the death of our Redeemer, who delighted to do the Father's will and who has already been rewarded gloriously with high exaltation to the divine plane of glory, honor and immortality.

Good Will Amongst Men.

The attainment of the condition of good will amongst men will mean the attainment of human perfection. God is Love. And when our first parents were created an earthly image of God, love must have been the predominant quality of their characters. What we see of selfishness is largely a matter of heredity, and all of life's customs are in line with it and continually increasing its weight and its hold upon us. But with the new King and the new reign of righteousness will come the glorious uplifting and transformation. Gradually, during the thousand years of Messiah's domination of the world, the evils of selfishness will be made apparent and the beauties of holiness and love will be shown in contrast.

Restitution rewards will lift all the willing and obedient out of sin and selfishness to holiness and love. Then with love the very essence of man's being, good will towards men will everywhere prevail, because the Divine law, almost effaced through the reign of sin, will be rewritten in the human constitution. That Law, as we know, is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself."

Finally, dear friends, how glad we are that this is true; how glad we are that the terrible falsehoods palmed off on us during the Dark Ages respecting a God of hatred and a hell of torture everlasting are not true!

LYNCHINGS

In The United States In 1910 Numbered 57

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Only 57 lynchings were recorded in the United States in 1910, a much smaller number than in almost any previous year in the last 16. In 1909 the total was seventy and in 1908 it was sixty-five. All but five of the 57 cases of lynching in 1910 were of negroes, and ten of these cases were those in which the charge against the victim was assault on white women or girls. In eleven of the remaining number the charge was attempted criminal assault. In the five cases of white men, four were for murder and the other for aiding and abetting in a jail delivery, or alleged murder, of white women in which the question of assault is implied.

As in previous years, nearly all the lynchings were in southern states, Florida and Georgia having ten each, Alabama and Arkansas eight each, and Texas six. The only lynching in the North occurred in Ohio, the victim being Carl Etherington, an agent of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, who met death at the hands of a mob in Newark following his imprisonment in jail on a charge of having murdered a saloonkeeper while making a raid on an alleged blind tiger.

Following is the record for 1910 by states: Alabama, eight negroes; Arkansas, eight negroes; Florida, eight negroes and two whites; Georgia, ten negroes; Louisiana, one white man; Mississippi, five negroes; Missouri, three negroes; North Carolina, one negro; Ohio, one white man; Oklahoma, one negro; South Carolina, one negro; Tennessee, two negroes; Texas, four negroes and two whites.

Of the five whites lynched, two were Italians, who were lynched in Florida. They were charged with murder and with inciting the riots during the strike of cigar makers in Tampa. Another of the white victims was a Mexican, who was shot and burned at the stake near the Texas border, following his confession that he had murdered a white woman. Of the fifty-two negro victims, two were women. The record of the crimes for which the victims were put to death follows: Murder, seventeen; criminal assault, ten; attempted criminal assault, eleven; robbery, four; attempted murder, seven; aiding and abetting jail delivery, three; assault with intent to do bodily injury, one; insulting women, two; threatening to commit murder, two.

In many of the cases the lynchings followed the arrest or conviction of the victims on the charges made against them. In other cases the victims met death while endeavoring to escape from pursuing posers. In two cases the negro victims were lynched by mobs composed of members of their own race. In almost every case the victim was summarily hanged or shot without burning at the stake, such as accompanied these acts of vengeance in former years.

In the foregoing record the word "lynching" has been held to apply only to the summary punishment inflicted by a mob or by any of citizens on a person alleged to have committed a crime for which that person should have been tried according to law. This limitation excludes a number of cases reported during the year, such as the race war which occurred near Bloomington, Texas, last August, in which eight or ten negroes were killed.

Considerable excitement was created at a North Norton street home on Thursday evening at about nine o'clock when the head of the house returned home to find another man in his place. It is reported that the intruder had made visits at the house at other times and had been ordered away by the husband, but without result as the Thursday evening encounter developed. When the man returned home on this particular evening, he found the other man making him self very much at home and apparently at ease as far as disturbance or discovery was concerned. A lively scuffle followed the discovery of the man who was soon ejected from the house. The affair created a good deal of stir in the neighborhood, but all was quiet by the time that an officer arrived on the scene. No arrests were made.

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PROGRAM

For The Farmers' Institute At Danville, O.

The following is the program for the Farmers' Institute to be held in Danville on December 30 and 31:

Friday Sessions—9:30 a. m. Alfalfa. R. A. Hayne, Adams, Ohio. Discussion by George Crise.

Leguminous Crops for Soil Improvement and Forage—Dr. Stabler, Brighton, Md. Discussion by C. A. Workman.

Manure and Commercial Fertilizer—B. B. Ferenbaugh.

Afternoon Session—1 p. m. Music.

Horses—R. A. Hayne. Discussion by Jacob H. Ross.

Piano Duet—Garret and Frank Greer.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture—Dr. Stabler. Discussion by Jos. Colopy, J.

Music.

Evening Session—7:30 p. m. Music—Show's Orchestra.

The Evolution of the Boy—R. A. Hayne.

Music.

Recitation—Royal Robinson.

Music.

Needed Legislation and Laws—Dr. Stabler.

Music.

Saturday Sessions—9:30 a. m. Some Principles of Live Stock Breeding—R. A. Hayne. Discussion by Osborne Hunter.

Clover Boosts—Dr. Stabler. Discussion by C. J. Workman.

Poultry—C. F. Banbury.

Music.

Afternoon Session—1:00 p. m. Music.

Some Principles of Live Stock Feeding—R. A. Hayne. Discussion by C. H. Miller.

Music.

Thistle Knocks—Dr. Stabler. Discussion by Herbert Whitney.

Dairy Cow—C. A. Blubaugh.

Music.

Saturday Evening—7:30 p. m. Music—Orchestra.

Recitation—Frank Greer.

Solo—Levi Smith.

Music.

Recitation—Richard Workman.

Song—Hosagland, Shaffer, Church and Scholes.

Recitation—Pauline Durbin.

Solo—Clara Trognus.

Recitation—Stephen Colopy.

Music.

Recitation—Lois Hunter.

Song—Quartet.

Music.

Recitation—Burdette Gaines.

Recitation—Ethel Arnold.

Music.

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That Cold Room



on the side of the house where winter blasts strike hardest always has a lower temperature than the rest of the house. There are times when it is necessary to raise the temperature quickly or to keep the temperature up for a long period. That can't be done by the regular method of heating without great trouble and overheating the rest of the house. The only reliable method of heating such a room alone by other means is to use a

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SETTLEMENTS

For Hearing In Probate Court of Knox County, Ohio, viz:

NOTICE OF HEARING ACCOUNT Following account has been filed for settlement and will be heard on Tuesday, January 10, 1911, at 9 a. m.:

First and final account of Joanna F. Miller, guardian of Rachel Halsey Phillips.

PATRICK A. BERRY, Probate Judge.

NOTICE OF HEARING ACCOUNT Following account has been filed for settlement and will be heard on Tuesday, January 10, 1911, at 9 a. m.:

First partial account of Jonathan Kramer, executor of Margaret Divilbiss.

PATRICK A. BERRY, Probate Judge.

NOTICE OF HEARING ACCOUNT Following account has been filed for settlement and will be heard on Tuesday, January 10, 1911, at 9 a. m.:

Second and final account of Geo. J. Ewers, executor of Julia A. Ewers.

PATRICK A. BERRY, Probate Judge.

NOTICE OF HEARING ACCOUNT Following account has been filed for settlement and will be heard on Tuesday, January 10, 1911, at 9 a. m.:

Fourth and final account of J. W. Anders, administrator of Philip Anders.

PATRICK A. BERRY, Probate Judge.

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First and final account of Laura A. Stockberger, administratrix of Sarah F. Berry.

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First partial account of Charles Van Voorhis, administrator of T. F. Van Voorhis.

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No. 4... 11:30 a. m.

No. 16... 5:36 p. m.

No. 8... 6:18 p. m.

West

No. 7... 8:26 a. m.

No. 17... 8:57 a. m.

No. 3... 2:39 p. m.

No. 15... 10:08 p. m.

Nos. 16 and 17 daily except Sunday. Other trains daily.

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South Bound

No. 506... 12:41 a. m.

No. 520... 9:58 a. m.

No. 523... 6:30 a. m.

No. 508... 9:00 a. m.

No. 518... 10:55 a. m.

No. 502... 12:25 p. m.

No. 505... 6:10 p. m.

No. 500... 9:37 p. m.

North Bound

No. 507... 2:25 a. m.

No. 501... 7:24 a. m.

No. 509... 8:34 a. m.

No. 503... 1:59 p. m.

No. 506... 5:53 p. m.

No. 519... 6:49 p. m.

No. 521... 7:10 p. m.